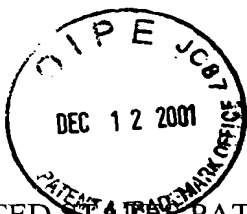


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated June 29, 2001, Applicants elect
Group I, Claims 1-28, with traverse.

REMARKS

The claims in this case have been restricted into two Groups; Group I, Claims 1-28,
and Group II, Claim 29. Applicants have elected Claims 1-28. In addition, Applicants elect
"Device overall shape species set" B, (Claims 16-20 and 23-28) and "Liner thickness species
set" "a" (Figure 5). Applicants do not believe that an election of the "Elastic band attachment
species set" is required in view of these elections.

AMENDMENT

Please add new Claim 30 as follows:

30. (New) A tube sock-shaped covering for enclosing an amputation stump, said
covering having an open end for introduction of said stump and a closed end opposite said

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